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HAWAII (December 1). --Survey of requirements for dairy cattle to be imported from mainland made by animal-husbandry specialist, and permission obtained from Military Governor to bring in required number provided shipping space can be had. Assistance given pork producers in housing, breeding, feeding, management, and marketing problems. Check made of different classes of pigs being raised on Oahu, and preliminary arrangements completed for establishment of auxiliary pork center in that county.

Assistant in home economics worked with nutritionists from Hawaii electric company and board of health in outlining series of four meetings to be presented to 12 different groups of mothers of free-kindergarten children in Honolulu. Program for 4 lessons includes Vitamins, Minerals, Proteins, and Energy Foods. Approximately 60 similar meetings held with total attendance of 700 mothers. Assistant director in home economics continuing to work with OCD planning committee on development of neighborhood leaders in city of Honolulu.

County farm agents are helping farmers procure release of needed building materials; getting permits to obtain "agricultural poisons," purchase or recap tires; handling gasoline distribution; obtaining breeding stock, procuring farm machinery; and relocating farmers who have been evacuated from their lands.

In order that farmers may become better acquainted with present regulations affecting agricultural activities, six farmers' meetings were held by East Oahu agent in October, and five in November. At last meeting, gasoline rations were issued and a representative of Food Control Section of Office of the Military Governor was present to answer questions or clear any problems confronting farmers. Each farmer was asked to present information on his planting intentions for next several months.

Backyard production of papayas - possibly needed as substitute for oranges if they cannot be shipped in - emphasized on all islands.

Agents in 2 counties on Island of Hawaii assisted school authorities, coffee farmers, and military authorities in setting up and carrying out student coffee work camp plan. 136 boys from 5 high schools recruited for 2-1/3-week work camp. County agents responsible for placing these students on various farms, making adjustments when complaints made by either farmers or students, and giving demonstrations in coffee picking. Students harvested about 2,300 bags of coffee berries during course of camp, and 47 farms of approximately 275 acres benefited by this project.

Home demonstration agents in each county attempting to reach in some manner every family in the rural districts throughout Territory. Through home visits, group meetings, and neighborhood leaders, assistance has been given and will continue in home gardening, meal planning, food preparation and preservation, clothing construction, wise buying of food and clothing, food storage, first aid in emergencies, and explanation of military orders.

At request of Army Canteen Service on Molokai, assistance given in planning nutritious sandwiches and snacks; locally grown products used when possible. Women to make sandwiches and work in canteens also located by home agent.

Food films, "Health and Happiness," "Vitamin B," and "Plows Planes, and Peace" circulated in various towns on Island of Kauai by Extension in cooperation with Red Cross, Tuberculosis Association, and Board of Health Nurses.

In one Hawaii county, cooking demonstrations presented to single Filipino plantation workers. The men supply fruits and vegetables from their plantation home gardens to supplement other foods in these demonstrations.

An extension club of women living in the naval housing area recently organized by the South Oahu agent. Most of these women have not resided long on Islands and expressed interest in learning how to prepare local foods with which they are not familiar.

Assistant in agricultural extension spoke to total of 165 persons at 3 Americanization meetings, and continued to participate in conferences with Military Intelligence on problem of evacuating certain Japanese to mainland. 9 days were devoted to war-bond sales at frozen Japanese banks in Honolulu. \$222,240 worth of bonds sold to 659 persons in this 9-day period.

MISSISSIPPI (November 1). --33 counties held 226 leader-training meetings in October with 3,299 leaders present. 5,641 leaders reached 113,057 families in regard war-emergency programs, with 99,943 families cooperating, and distributed 218,552 pieces of literature. As a result of activities of these leaders, 38 counties collected 13,878,000 pounds of salvage in October, and 8 counties reported sale of \$327,517.75 bonds and stamps.

Also in 18 counties, 1,009 leaders reported work in fire prevention program. They reached 24,195 families, of which 20,739 agreed to cooperate. 25 forest rangers and 3 district rangers cooperated with extension forester in conducting public gatherings on fire prevention; fire prevention discussed in 4-H Clubs, and moving pictures given; fire-hazard check sheets and fire-prevention pledge cards distributed by county agents. Plans for organizing Junior Fire Ranger patrols perfected.

In Bolivar County, 610 families pledged hogs and cattle for a December sale, payment for stock to be made in war bonds and stamps.

Request of Secretary for increased poultry production meeting with hearty response from farm-flock owners, and all hatcheries. Broiler-producing areas organized; practically every farm family planning to increase production to limit of available facilities.

Winter cover crops and pasture improvement given continued emphasis.

Partial survey of dairy farms in sixty counties made to determine extent of loss of essential labor.

Assistance given in registration of farm trucks and organization of community and neighborhood transportation.

PURTO RICO (November 1). --Neighborhood-leader organization under way with training meetings held in all municipalities and districts; leaders selected.

Extension program for 1943 discussed at annual extension conference in October, and will be in line with wartime requirements: Production of more food, better nutrition and health, etc.

Campaign to increase food production continues. Agents cooperating with AMA in grading and packing pineapples for free distribution through school-lunch program. Assistance given in distributing small quantities of vegetable seeds to farmers. Several agents actively employed in cotton campaign to eradicate undesirable cotton plants. Meetings held with cotton farmers about next crop and/producing high-quality long-staple fiber.

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At request of USDA War Board estimate made of acreage to be harvested and total production of 12 most important food crops of Island for period April 1, 1942, to March 31, 1943. Increase of 30% in acreage and 23.5% in production reported over 1940 Census figures.

Coffee-crop estimate for 1942-43 shows marked decrease in this crop. As a result, Commissioner of Agriculture declared all production for local consumption.

Plans made for organization of nutrition classes by home-economics teachers, home demonstration agents, and home supervisors for groups of women on Island. 17 home demonstration agents will be in charge of these classes. Craft classes on Red Cross occupational therapy completed. Women taking course will teach crafts to convalescent soldiers at military hospital. In-service training in first aid given to all home demonstration agents, who in turn will give instruction to local groups. 5 nutrition conferences given to FSA personnel, Department of Health nurses, and physiology students at university. Cooperating with Red Cross in sewing garments for emergency use, with 2,300 garments being made. Canteen courses organized. 3 milk stations for children established. Work done by home demonstration agents shows 498 groups of women organized in wartime activities, enrollment 9,025.

Cooperating with USDA War Board daily agricultural program in addition to regular weekly extension program. Thousands of bulletins, circulars, and leaflets distributed among farmers, housewives, extension personnel, and others. Motion picture shows on timely subjects given in field.

4-H club girls active in collecting scrap metal, buying war stamps, and canning fruits and vegetables from home gardens.

SOUTH DAKOTA (December 1). --Statewide program to obtain adoption of more soil conservation practices which will result directly in greater production in 1943 launched by AAA, SCS, FSA, and Extension. State and district meetings of representatives of the 4 agencies held, and series of county meetings scheduled. Extension will have responsibility for educational work; AAA, administration; SCS, technical assistance; and FSA, for getting their clients to include more conservation practices in their 1943 farm plans.

At November meeting of State War Board, subject of how to prevent duplication of effort, eliminate confusion among farmers, and keep all agencies informed of activities of each other was discussed. Committee of 3, representing BAE, Extension, and Experiment Station, appointed to study situation. Liaison officer appointed to keep all agencies of War Board informed of each others' activities, and to know who has information available that will be of assistance to Board in agricultural war program.

At request of War Board, Extension and Experiment Station prepared a schedule and procedure to be used in making survey of farm-machinery situation to be made by community AAA committeemen in each AAA community in State.

Statewide livestock feeding program will be started at county agent district conferences beginning December 14, designed to reach every farmer in every county. With record demand for livestock and livestock products, and a record feed crop in the State, this program heads the list with respect to the war effort. Enormous increase in poultry numbers has created critical housing problem.

Extension took lead in presenting "Share the Meat" information to all county nutrition councils throughout State. This included getting nutrition councils functioning to carry on training of block and neighborhood leaders to promote program. Circular on "Conserving Meat" prepared by extension nutritionist, and training schools given to 15 home agents on this subject matter.

5 training schools conducted in November on clothing conservation. 9 home agents trained; they in turn will conduct similar schools for project leaders in their counties. Newspaper article to be used over State, and radio transcription on the subject prepared. Card calling attention to importance of conserving shoes sent to all clothing-project leaders and 4-H leaders.

Save and Serve bulletin prepared, giving emphasis to care and repair of household equipment and furnishings.

TEXAS (December 1) -- Extension informing rural families on Share the Meat program, through neighborhood and community leaders in cooperation with the OCD's county councils. County planning meetings held week of November 16, training of neighborhood and block leaders week of November 23, and face-to-face explanation of program by neighborhood and block leaders started week of November 30.

29 group meetings held in connection with intensive educational campaign relating to winter legumes and cotton improvement. Those attending included county agents, AAA secretaries and county committeemen, vocational teachers, and representatives of other agencies working with agriculture.

Special attention given to meat curing in south Texas which has a large Latin-American population. In one county, 49 persons of Mexican decent attended a beef and pork killing demonstration; 70 were present the next day to see meat cut and cured. During October and November, 26 farm meat demonstrations were given with 837 persons attending. All demonstrations featured processing of home-killed beef, pork, and lamb with objective of curing more of carcass than usual, thus reducing amount normally canned. Throughout November, dairy specialist held dairy days and feeding schools in a number of counties.

Agricultural engineer has prepared manuscript on specifications for building for grade "A" milk production. Another on improvements in home dairy lot ready for distribution. One county agent reports 21 home-made peanut pickers made according to plans prepared by agricultural engineer.

Swine husbandman visited all important hog-producing sections in recent weeks and held 12 meetings having a total attendance of 1,800.

At 5 1-day short courses in 5 counties, talks and demonstrations given on dairying, health, beef production, clothing, and home cleaning by group of extension specialists. Intensive work in home improvement carried on in 11 counties and similar work under way in others. Conferences also held with home demonstration agents and help given on family financial planning, share the meat information on rationing and war activities, and choice making in the home to meet emergency situations.

In regular monthly meetings of Negro Agricultural Victory Councils in counties served by Negro extension agents, plans made for countywide drives for salvage; also through organized effort eradication of insects in home gardens. More than 875,000 pounds of scrap metal, 25,000 pounds of rubber, and 45,220 pounds of tin cans collected and turned in. Training meetings for community leaders held monthly. Community leaders assisted in training neighborhood leaders, and latter assisted in transmitting information to all farm families. 65 hours of training taken by 6 Negro extension workers in War Department civilian defense protection school at Prairie View College. Subjects completed: aerial attack, civilian-protection organization, gas protection, protection against incendiarism, local training, citizens protection corps, and general subjects. Training received will be used in county civilian protection schools. Negro extension agents solved problem of threshing peanuts for small farmers in east Texas by introducing hand-made equipment designed by Mississippi Extension Service. Farmers report that two men are able to thresh 1,500 to 2,000 pounds of peanuts daily.

VIRGINIA (December 1) — Extension has adopted policy of holding weekly "war council" of administrators and specialists to consider application of items in war letter for agriculture to Virginia situations and discuss other phases of extension activity in war effort.

Agricultural economists active preparing 1943 outlook material, and with aid of subject-matter specialists, have drawn up recommendations regarding 1943 agricultural goals in State. Revision of Virginia farm-price index continuing.

Evidence on every hand that farmers have been aiding in meat program by carrying pigs to heavier weights. General demand for information on killing and curing pork. Pork-cutting demonstrations conducted.

Through general publicity, agronomists and vegetable-gardening specialists assisting farmers with fertilizer problems in view of WPB approved grades. Gardening specialists held 25 meetings or demonstrations during November on storage, garden plans, etc. Poultry-improvement work furthered during month through 38 meetings and 204 farm visits; poultry improvement a definite project on over half of farms visited.

General activity continued regarding fire hazards, fuel wood, dogwood for shuttles, and advantageous use of highest-grade timber. A forester is assisting farmers in 4 tidewater counties in timber cutting and marketing.

5 farm-machinery repair schools held, 321 farmers attending. County agents supplied with revised list of farm-implement dealers. Program of training professional workers in household equipment repair continuing; workers to be supplied with handbook in near future. Farmers provided with 250 building plans during November.

4-H Club department is carrying its Farm and Home War Service program to all clubs. Each subject-matter department has revamped its project work to place more emphasis on jobs that will assist in war effort, and suggested topics for club discussions and demonstrations.